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RANGE

NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous day. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak entering the weekend. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to ample with larger sizes in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for a light demand. Spent fowl supplies were mostly adequate to at least adequate for the fair to at least moderate demand. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal for the upcoming week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to produers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents lower for large. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Cartoned egg sales were usually light to at times moderate. Food service demand was slow. Supplies were adequate to ample with the larger sizes the most available.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI Prices paid to		
EXTRA LARGE	54-63	57-60	producers.	Range	Mostly
LARGE	53-62	55-58	LARGE	33-42	37
MEDIUM	45-54	47-50	MEDIUM	27-33	31
			SMALL	15-19	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending slightly lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. Trade sentiment was barely steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels ranged mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for mostly normal schedules. Demand was noted as light. Spent hens were mostly adequate to at least adequate for the fair to at least moderate demand. Schedules were noted as mostly normal for the upcoming

week.	RANGE	MOSILY	
EXTRA LARGE	63-77	66-69	
LARGE	58-72	65-67	
MEDIUM	49-62	54-56	
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, N	H, Eastern NJ	, Eastern NY, P	Ά,
RI, Northern VA, and VT			

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was light to instances moderate. Food service movement was remained slow. Supplies were adequate to ample for current needs with the larger sizes in the longest position. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades lower. Demand was very light for the adequate to ample offeirngs. Schedules for next week were somewhat mixed, but many plants were planning on continuing reduced breaking schedules. Trade sentiment weak.

	KANGE	WOSILI
EXTRA LARGE	61.5-70	63-66
LARGE	60.5-69	62-65
MEDIUM	54.5-63	56-59
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR.AZ.CO.KS.LA.M	O.NM.OK. and TX	

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady entering the weekend. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the light demand. Light type fowl were mostly adequate to at least sufficient for the fair to at least moderate demand. Processing schedules

were reported as mostly normal.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62.5-70.25	64-67
LARGE	61-68.25	62-65
MEDIUM	52.5-60	53-57
SOUTHEAST AREA: AL. FL. GA. MS. NC. SC.	Eastern TN. and S	outhern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were the same as yesterday's values. Trade sentiment was barely steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to ample for trade needs

EXTRA LARGE	70-74
LARGE	68-72
MEDIUM	61-65

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-69	62-64
LARGE	59-67	60-62
MEDIUM	51-59	52-54

<u>WESTERN REGIONAL</u> Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, unchanged to 2 cents lower on extra large and large, and unchanged on medium. Retailer demand moderate overall. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand moderate, best to cover fairly widespread smaller features. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 71.

CALIFORNIA Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

RANGE

	IVAITOL
JUMBO	112
EXTRALARGE	106
LARGE	99
MEDIUM	91

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS

PER DOZEN.	RANGE
JUMBO	90-101
EXTRA LARGE	88-93
LARGE	86-89
MEDIUM	78-81

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER

DOZEN.	RANGE
JUMBO	269-329
EXTRA LARGE	249-309
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	189-219

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged with mostly prices lower. Checks and undergrade prices were lower. Demand was very light with offerings adequate to ample. Schedules mixed from plant to plant for next week with many plants reducing schedules. Trade sentiment weak.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	KANGE	WOSILI
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	14-18	14-16
BREAKING STOCK	26-30	26-28
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS	S, LA, MI, MN, MO,	NM, ND,
NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. The undertone was barely steady with traders closely watching further market developments. Offerings were usually sufficient for the light and unaggressive demand. Breaking schedules were reported as mostly normal, but somewhat reduced. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 21-Jan-2006 were 2% less than last week and 6% lower than a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSILY
BREAKING STOCK	26-31	28-30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	14-21	15-19
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA,	, KY, ME, MD, MA, M	IS, NH, NJ,
NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 21-Jan-2006

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)						
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,270,658	30,039	12,627	6,708	3,210	4,347
PW	1,317,037	31,203	12,634	7,159	3,209	4,603
LY	1,194,985	27,844	12,197	6,549	3,204	4,388
% PW	-4%	-4%	0%	-6%	0%	-6%
% LY	6%	8%	4%	2%	0%	-1%
2006	3,781,605	91,442	36,043	19,734	9,115	12,981
2005	3,732,679	88,467	36,985	19,858	10,158	13,386
% YTD	1%	3%	-3%	-1%	-10%	-3%
	OM DM IV					

Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included) 42.28 42.22 42.66 Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded) 38.86 38.72 38.99

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases	s Broken	Liqu	id whole
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	589,135	46.4%	15,319	51.0%
PREVIOUS WEEK	584,682	44.4%	15,656	50.2%
LAST YEAR	475,790	39.8%	12,031	43.2%

<u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN</u> Prices 2 cents lower on whole and yolks, unchanged on whites. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 1/21 was 3% less than the previous week. Frozen demand moderate with freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

 RANGE

 WHOLE
 48-52

 WHITES
 43-46

 SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)
 65-68

 SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)
 62-65

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg prices ranged 2 to 3 cents lower with whites unchanged to 1 cent lower. Sugared yolk ranged 1 to 2 cents lower with salted yolk 1 cent lower. Trade sentiment was steady on frozen whole egg, unsettled for whites, and barely steady to mostly weak for frozen yolk products. Offerings were in a full range of closely balanced to ample with yolk in the longest position. Demand was generally fair for whole egg and whites with frozen yolk product demand very light. Many sellers were attempting to hold current prices on frozen whole egg and refusing non contractual trading at lower prices. Central States breaking stock prices were lower when compared to last week's prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	42-46	43-44
WHITES	38-42	40-42
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	59-61	59
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-59	56

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged to lower on blends and salt yolks, balance of items were lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was in a full range of light to moderately active. Offerings were usually adequate for current trade requirements. Trade sentiment was usually steady with some caution on whites, and barely steady on other items. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 21-Jan-2006 were unchanged from the previous week, but 5% less than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers) LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) TRUCKLOTS RANGE MOSTLY **RANGE** WHOLE 37-48 41-46 49-54 BLENDS (/) **TFEWR** 58-80 WHITES 36-42 38-42 43-55 SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 58-65 59-63 65-79 SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 55-59 56-58 61-78 (/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were unchanged on yolks, lower on whole, unchanged to lower on blends, and irregular on albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand and movement was light to moderate. Offerings were reported as usually sufficient for current needs. Trade sentiment was barely steady on yolks, about steady on whole, but firm to mostly fully steady on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 21-Jan-2006 were unchanged from the previous week and last year. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 10% below a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE	1.38-1.85	MOSTLY 1.48-1.53
YOLKS	1.34-1.85	MOSTLY 1.40-1.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.35-2.85	MOSTLY 2.56-2.75
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER	1.25-1.40	MOSTLY 1.35-1.40

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 39 to 41 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 33 cents fob. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak for whole egg and whites, and weak for yolk. Offerings were easily adequate to mostly ample for all liquid products. Demand was slow for whole egg and whites and extremely slow for yolk. Central States breaking stock prices were lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS LOADS		RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LW
WHOLE	34	22.5-24	23.33	
WHITES	18	25-28.75	26.88	.55
YOLKS	8	30-42.5	38.94	-5.19

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JAN 20, 2006-JAN 26, 2006																
			CURREN	NT LOAD	S 8	9.00		FUTURE L	.OADS 57.2	25	TC	TAL LO	ADS 14	6.25		
		5	SE.	N	E	M	IW			9	C	N	W	5	SW	
	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
	GNR W XL	_	_	42.50	44.00	_	_	1.00	GL W XL	44.00	54.00	_	_	_	56.35	10.50
	GNR W 1	40.00	_	41.83	42.56	_	_	9.00	GL W LG	42.59	50.83	_	59.00	_	54.96	22.50
	GL W J	_	_	57.50	59.00	_	62.00	3.50	GL W MD	37.00	45.00	_	51.00	_	52.44	4.25
	GL W XL	49.00	54.67	49.00	52.74	44.33	45.00	38.00	GL BR J	_	_	91.50	_	_	101.00	.25
	GL W LG	_	52.80	38.67	43.50	42.73	40.40	21.50	GL BR XL	_	_	87.50	_	_	97.00	.50
	GL W MD	_	48.18	38.00	42.00	39.88	_	13.25	GL BR LG	_	_	85.50	_	_	95.00	1.00
	GL W SM	32.33	34.00	35.33	37.33	24.29	28.25	14.00								
	NRBS - 48	_	27.14	_	_	26.00	28.21	44.00								
	NRBS - 45	_	_	_	_	_	25.33	6.00								
	NRBS - 42	_	_	_	_	_	_	12.00								
	NRBS - 39		_	_	_	_	20.00	2.00								
	NRBS - 36	_				_	18.00	2.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS
(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to at least moderate good for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST 3-11 7-9.5

<u>SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN</u> Disposal costs were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate supplies of light hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Salvage values were expected to remain steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs ranged higher. Offerings were balanced to available with demand improved and reported as fairly good to good. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST .5-8.5 4.5-8.5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	67.50	66.00	55.00
SOUTHEAST	65.50	63.50	55.00
MIDWEST	58.50	56.50	48.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	64.50	63.50	57.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	63.97	62.37	54.14

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Demand was generally fair at best for light canners; mostly fair to moderate for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings ranged adequate to available for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5

HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS HEAVY CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

21-32 MAJORITY 26-27 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 21-JAN-06 U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	1,498	—THOUSANDS— 1,410	2,908
Last Week	1,487	1,349	2,836
Same week yr ago To-date/2006	1,451 4,260	1,205 4,159	2,656 8,419
To-date/2005	4,547	3,907	8,454

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

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	LIGHT HENS	—THOUSANDS—	TOTAL HENS
Head	156	n	256
		0	
Last Week	308	3	311
Same week yr ago	359	0	359
To-date/2006	680	3	683
To-date/2005	1.088	0	1.088

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
		-THOUSANDS-	
Head	1,754	1,410	3,164
Last Week	1,795	1,352	3,147
Same week yr ago	1,810	1,205	3,015
To-date/2006	4,940	4,162	9,102
To-date/2005	5,635	3,907	9,542

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

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Inspected Egg	Products-U.	S. & Canada	Export/Import	Trade_	COMMERCIAL EGG N	COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers			
U.S. Exports to	Canada, in	Pounds (000)) (Preliminary)		W/E 21-JAN-2006	CASES	PERCEN	IT CHANGE FROM	
Week Ending J	lanuary 7, 20	06	Year-To	-Date	REGIONS (IN	THOUS)	PW	LY	
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005	North Atlantic	208.5	-1	-1	
Liquid	104	463	104	463	East North Central	604.6	-4	-6	
Frozen	0	0	0	0	West North Central	291.4	-5	-3	
Dried	0	6	0	6	South Atlantic	197.4	0	-7	
Total	104	469	104	469	South Central	61.2	-4	-12	
U.S. Imports F	rom Canada,	in Pounds (0	000) (Prelimina	ary)	West	201.0	1	9	
Week Ending J	lanuary 7, 20	06	Year-To	-Date	Total	1560.9	-3	-4	
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005	Matched Plants repo	rting	84	84	
Liquid	42	160	42	160	Areas Covered: North A		Γ,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,	PA,NJ,MC,DE)	
Frozen	0	7	0	7	East North Central (WI,II	,		,	
Dried	0	40	0	40	South Atlantic (SC,NC,V		South Central (TN	I,AL,AR,MS,OK)	
Total	42	207	42	207	West (CA,CO,WA,OR,U	Τ)			
Inspected She	ll Eggs								
U.S Exports To	Canada, In	30-Dozen Ca	ses (Prelimina	ry)					
Week Ending J	anuary 7, 20	06	` Year-To	-Date	MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 21-J			W/E 21-Jan-2006	
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005	Selected	CW	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	

Atlanta

Boston

Detroit

Chicago

Kansas City

Los Angeles

New Orleans

San Francisco

4 Week Moving Avg.

New York

St. Louis

Total

Consuming Centers

LW

7

-3

-5

-29

-33

-4

-13

-1

-3

-5

-6

LY

-1

-11

22

-45

-67

-20

-2

13

-9

-1

6

(Thousands)

26.0

88.1

28.2

114.4

4.3

6.9

32.7

19.1

19.4

342.4

3.3

27.7

83.8

19.9

109.9

2.9

6.0

32.3

18.5

18.5

322.7

330.7

3.2

week Ending Jar	Year-10	o-Date						
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005				
Jumbo	0	0	0	0				
Extra Large	720	4,320	720	4,320				
Large	0	6,920	0	6,920				
Medium	0	1,515	0	1,515				
Ungraded	900	0	900	0				
Misc	0	0	0	0				
Total	1,620	12,755	1,620	12,755				
4/Companyable Week to date figures may not total due to recording								

^{1/} Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

			Proce	essea otner					
Froz	en Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/L	BS Po	ultry/LBS	NEW ENGLAND WE	EKI V SHELL	EGG PEDOE	OT lan	24. 2006
AM 01/23/06	3,487	45,21	2	67,320	Prices paid per dozen				,
AM 01/01/06	3,410	31,77	2	67,392	i nices paid per dozen	Glade A blow	ii eggs iii cai	toris delivered	store door.
CHG	77	13,44	0	-72	FXT	RA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
PCT CHG	2%	42%	6	0%	EA.	TO CE TITOL	D WOL	WEDIOW.	OMITALL
MONTHLY COLD STORAGE RE		ORT	(In Un	its of 1,000)	MAINE	117	114	86	56
	30-Nov	30-Nov	31-Dec	31-Dec	MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
FROZEN EGGS:	2004	2005	2004	2005	NEW HAMPSHIRE	110-114	107-111	79-83	49-53
Whites	2,955	2,833	2,972	2,690	MOSTLY	112-113	109-110	81-82	51-52
Yolks	1,072	1,310	1,085	1,336	RHODE ISLAND	116-120	113-117	85-89	55-59
Whole & Mixed	10,174	10,325	11,443	13,423	MOSTLY	116	113	85	55
Unclassified	3,123	3,133	3,612	3,570	VERMONT	113-120	111-115	84-87	-
Total Frozen Eggs	17,324	17,601	19,112	21,019	MOSTLY	120	115	87	-

CHICKENS AND EGGS

December Egg Production Up 1 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 7.79 billion during December 2005, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.70 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 64 million were egg-type. The number of layers during December 2005 averaged 348 million, up 1 percent from a year earlier. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,237 eggs, up slightly from December 2004.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2006, totaled 349 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 349 million layers consisted of 291 million layers producing table-type eggs, 55.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.74 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2006, averaged 71.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from January 1, 2005.

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^{2/} Includes revisions to previous week(s).

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<u>LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION</u> W/E 14-JAN-06 U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
		THOUSANDS	
Head	1,487	1,349	2,836
Last Week	1,275	1,400	2,675
Same week yr ago	1,625	1,219	2,844
To-date/2006	2,762	2,749	5,511
To-date/2005	3 096	2 702	5 798

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL HENS

_		-THOUSANDS-	
Head	308	3	311
Last Week	116	0	116
Same week yr ago	428	0	428
To-date/2006	424	3	427
To-date/2005	729	0	729

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL HENS

		-THOUSANDS-	
Head	1,795	1,352	3,147
Last Week	1,391	1,400	2,791
Same week yr ago	2,053	1,219	3,272
To-date/2006	3,186	2,752	5,938
To-date/2005	3,825	2,702	6,527

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch